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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Peter J. Koutoujian, Katherine Clark**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act to Include Animals in Abuse Prevention Orders.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Michael Brady	9th Plymouth
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
Kenneth J. Donnelly	Fourth Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex

Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Denis E. Guyer	2nd Berkshire
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Anthony W. Petrucci	First Suffolk and Middlesex
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Robert J. Nyman	5th Plymouth
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT TO INCLUDE ANIMALS IN ABUSE PREVENTION ORDERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “minor” in line 6 the following words:-
- 3 ; ordering the possession, care and control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held
- 4 by either party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff. The court may order
- 5 the defendant to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring,
- 6 encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal;